

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend FIG. 4A and FIG. 4B as shown in red on the attached copy thereof, and substitute the enclosed FIG. 4A and FIG. 4B (as amended) for FIG. 4A and FIG. 4B as originally filed.

REMARKS

Claims 2-7 are pending. Claims 2 and 6 have been amended. Claim 1 has been cancelled. No new matter has been introduced. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

In the September 22, 2004 Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Giduturi, U.S. Patent No. 6,377,121 (hereinafter the Giduturi reference). The Examiner rejected claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(e) as being obvious over the Giduturi reference. Claim 1 has been cancelled, and claim 6 has been amended.

The Examiner objected to FIG. 4A and FIG. 4B because the figures need a "prior art" label. The Applicants have enclosed a redlined version of FIG. 4A and FIG. 4B, and provided a replacement FIG. 4A and FIG. 4B labeled "Prior Art".

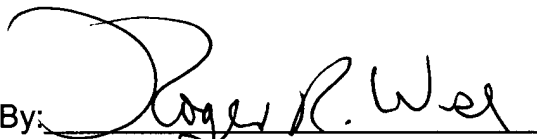
The Examiner objected to claims 2-5, and 7 as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. By this amendment, Applicants have rewritten in independent form, and slightly amended for the sake of clarity, claim 2 in accordance with the Examiner's remarks. Claims 3-5, and 7 continue to depend, directly or indirectly from amended claim 2. Claim 6 has been amended to depend from amended independent claim 2. Applicants believe that rewritten independent claim 2, and dependent claims 3-7 are in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe that the foregoing amendment and remarks place the application in condition for allowance, and a favorable action is respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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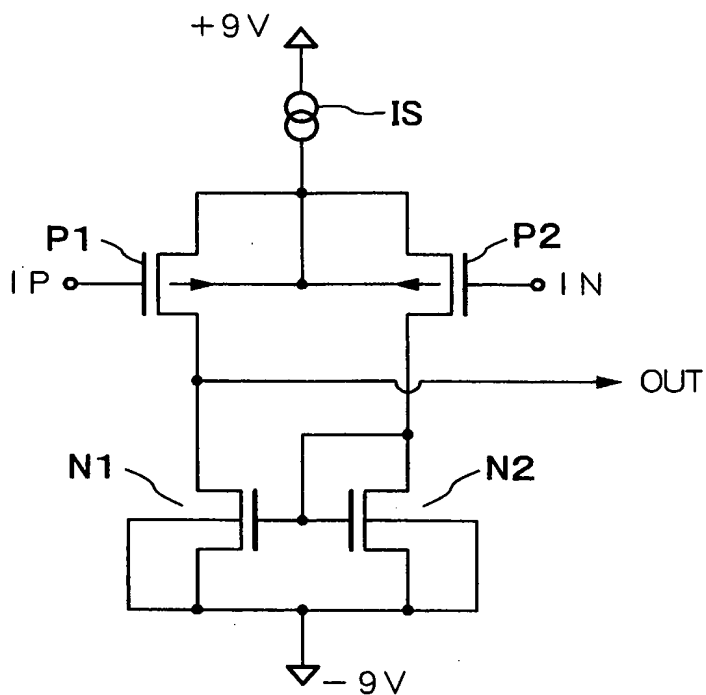
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PRIOR ART
FIG. 4A



PRIOR ART
FIG. 4B

